

## Senate Resolution 1084

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Douglas of the 17th and Davenport of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Courtney Smits; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Courtney Smits, an esteemed sixth grade student at Union Grove Middle  
3 School in McDonough, Georgia, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer  
4 service by receiving a 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

5 WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the  
6 National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across  
7 America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Smits earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to a  
10 campaign to support returning service members who need prosthetics or prosthetic care; and

11 WHEREAS, with help from her mother and a friend, Ms. Smits designed a website to collect  
12 donations, and began planning a series of fund-raising events, including a golf tournament,  
13 a family luncheon, and a beauty pageant. The proceeds have gone to the American Legion's  
14 Heroes to Hometowns program, which establishes a support network and coordinates  
15 resources for severely injured service members returning home, and to Sew Much Comfort,  
16 which designs and makes adaptable clothing for service members with prosthetics; and

17 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of our communities, and the  
18 overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young  
19 people like Ms. Smits who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity  
21 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary individual.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join together in recognizing Ms. Courtney Smits and commend her on her outstanding  
3 service to her community and this state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Courtney Smits.